(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Scheme for improvement of major ports in Saurashtra-Kutch region

1458. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total volume of traffic at Kandla, Porbandar, Vadinar, Veraval, Mangrola Okha, Bhavnagar and Jamnagar port, separately during the last three years, year-wise and port-wise;

(b) the total revenue earned annually by these ports during the above period, portwise; and

(c) the scheme proposed to be undertaken for improvement of the Major ports in Saurashtra-Kutch Region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The minor ports come under the administrative control of the respective maritime State Governments. Kandla Port is the only major port in the region. The details of the total traffic handled by Kandla Port, its operating and financial and miscellaneous income during the last three years are as under:

KANDLA PORT

	Total Traffic handled (in Million tonnes)	Operating Income	Financial & Misc. Income (Rs. in Crores)
1991-92	21.00	72.05	23.48
1992-93	22.91	86·91	32.57
1993-94	24.50	101 75	38.21

(c) An outlay of Rs. 226.00 crores has been provided during the 8th Five Year Plan for the development of Kandla Port. The following are the some of the major schemes included in the Plan

(i) Construction of Eighth Cargo Berth.

(ii) Construction of Additional Oil Jetty at Kandla.

(iii) Construction of a Multipurpose Berth at Vadinar.

(iv) Procurement of additional Wharf Cranes.

(v) Development of Container Handling Facilities.

(vi) Procurement of a 30 Ton. B.P. Tug.

The development of minor ports is the responsibility of the respective maritime State Governments.

Privatisation of Delhi-Agra National Highway

1459. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI J. S. RAJU:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for privatisation of Delhi-Agra National Highway; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when a final decision, if not already taken, is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Compensation of Oil spilled by a Danish Tanker

1460. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since decided on the amount it should seek as compensation for the 40,000 tonnes of oil spilled by Danish Tanker off the coast of great Nicobar Island in January, 1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay over filing of the oil spill claim;

(d) the estimated damage caused by this oil slick; and

(e) the stage at which the matter stands at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Claims for an amount of Rs. 13.6 crores (approx) and an amount of Rs. 6.75 crores for reimbursement of mobilisation, administrative and coordination expenses for clearing the oil spill and for ecological damage, respectively, have been filed.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Same as indicated at (b) above.

(e) The claims have been filed with the Protection and Indemnity Club of the shipowners.

Operation of DTC buses

1461. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC)) buses standing idle in the depots, depot-wise, and since when;

(b) the reasons for these buses standing idle and the reasons for not taking measures to put those buses on the road;

(c) whether there is also any proposal to withdraw the Delhi Transport Corporation buses from the inter-State routes;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and what impact that will have on the profitability of the DTC;

(e) how much losses have been suffered by the Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) in each of the last three years, giving the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken to improve the functioning of the Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC), to keep a check on the arbitrariness of the privately operated buses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MNIISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) As on 1.2.1995, 1007 buses were standing idle and this situation has come about in a steady manner since 1994 onwards. The requisite depot-wise break up is given in Statement (See below)

(b) These buses are standing idle for want of crucial spare parts, tyres etc. as also on account of non-replacement of over aged fleet. As on 1-2-1995, 961 buses constituting 27.45 per cent of the fleet had already outlived their normal life. Necessary re-